Tax demand raised by tax authorities

*195. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of tax demand raised by the tax authorities during each of the last four years, year-wise for individuals and companies;

(b) how much of the said tax has been paid and how much remains unpaid, year-wise; and

(c) the status of recovery, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) The total amounts of tax raised by the Income Tax authorities during each of the last four financial years are as follows:

Financial Years	Total amount of tax raised
2001-2002	Rs. 34,316.02 crores
2000-2001	Rs. 28,267.11 crores
1999-2000	Rs. 25,113.85 crores
1998-1999	Rs. 18,821.39 crores

These figures are exclusive of the pre-paid taxes and represent only the demands raised on assessment.

Separate statistics in respect of individuals and companies are not maintained.

(b) the amounts of tax realised during the year out of the tax raised during the year and the amounts of tax that remained un-paid at the end of year for each of the aforestated years are as below :

(*Rs. in Crores*)

Financial Years	Amount paid	Amount unpaid
2001-2002	4,325.88	29,990.14
2000-2001	3,837.03	24,430.08
1999-2000	3,399.52	21,714.33
1998-1999	2,021.22	16,800.17

These figures are only in relation to the demands raised on assessment.

(c) Raising and liquidation of tax demand is a continuous process under which fresh demands are raised and outstanding demands collected or reduced on a continuous basis. Therefore, it is not feasible to provide year-wise status of recovery made out of the unpaid demands.

Arrangements for Haj Pilgrims

*196. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are making special arrangements for Haj pilgrims every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the difference of airfare per pilgrim for the last three years and the details of agency who is operating such flights; and

(d) whether Government are providing any financial help to Haj pilgrims, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Government makes special arrangements for air travel of Haj pilgrims to/from Saudi Arabia for which the pilgrims are required to pay fare at a subsidized rate. Besides, Government in cooperation with the Government of Saudi Arabia also makes arrangements for the stay, transport, health check-up etc. of the Haj pilgrims during their stay in Saudi Arabia. For this purpose, a sum of Rs. 14-15 crores is spent every year by Ministry of External Affairs on the deputation of about 400 government staff including doctors.

The details of fare paid by each pilgrim, per pilgrim and total subsidy spent by the Government and the name of agencies making air travel arrangements for the Haj pilgrims in respect of the last three years are as follows: